

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

**Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation**  
The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

**Prelude** "O World, I Must Leave" arr. CALLAHAN

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

**\*Call to Worship** Kevin Creager

Leader: God has been gracious to us and heard our prayers.

**People: God has put gladness in our hearts.**

Leader: We shall live in peace;

**People: for God alone is our dwelling place.**

**Hymn** "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers" Glory to God

**Call to Confession** Kevin Creager

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Welcoming God, we confess that we have journeyed far from you. We have traveled far from your love and justice. We have neglected the stranger in our midst. And we have doubted your presence with us. Help us to see the way you have set for us in Christ. Restore us to a life of mutuality, love, and justice for all. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sins*

Leader: Amen

**Assurance of Pardon** Kevin Creager

Leader: The welcoming grace of God is sure for each and for all.

**People: Our dwelling place in God is secure.**

Leader: Receive the forgiveness of God and be restored to right relation with God and one another.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Joys and Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

**First Reading** Old Testament Lesson Psalm 4  
Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church  
**People: Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading** New Testament Lesson Luke 24:36b-48  
Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church  
**People: Thanks be to God**

**Special Music** "Ancient Words" arr. SHACKLEY

**Sermon** "Resurrection Questions" Rev. Dwight McCormick

## Responding to the Word

## Stewardship Reminder

### Affirmation of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

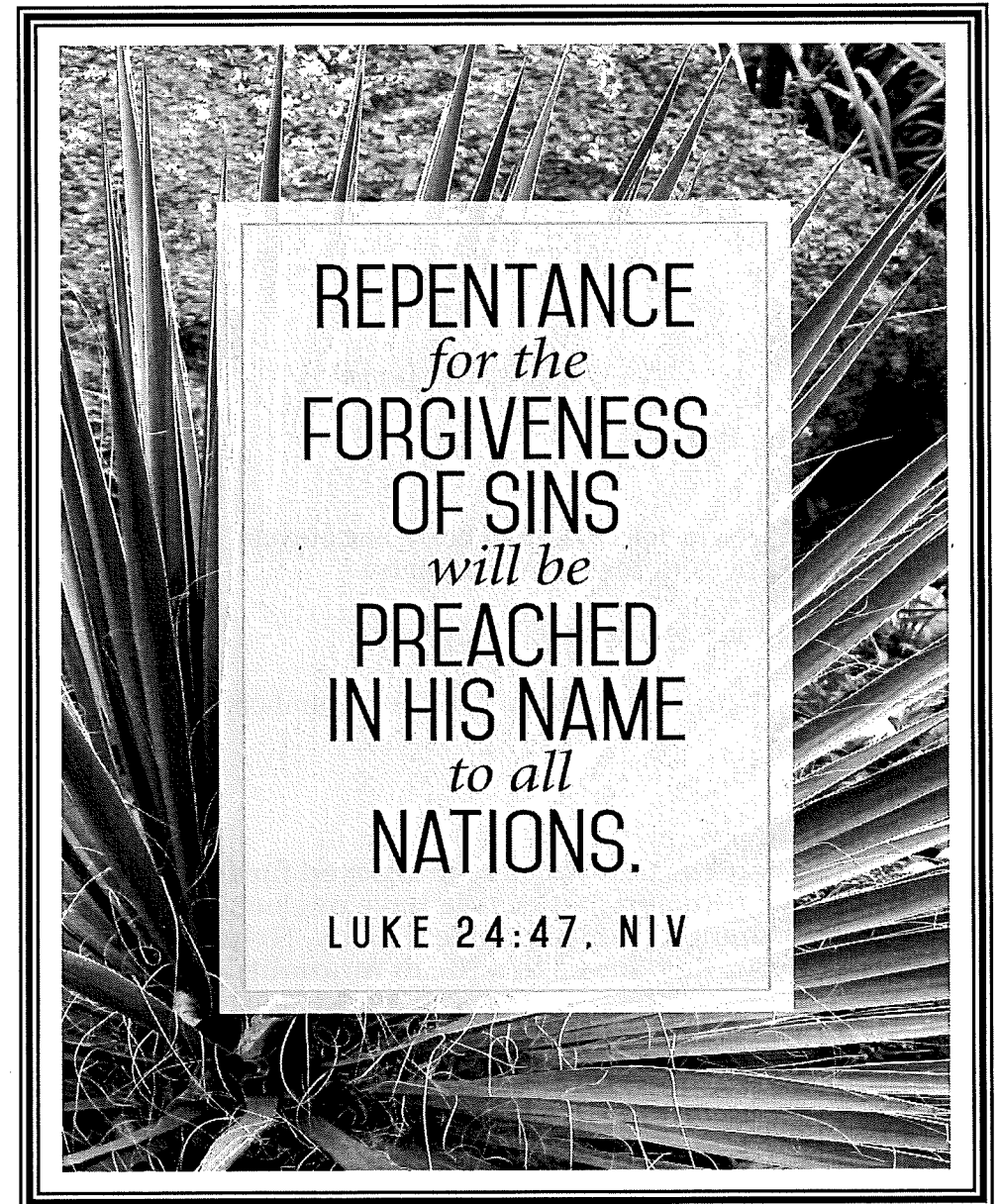
**We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**Hymn** "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" Glory to God

## Benediction

**Closing Chorus** "Go Now in Peace" BESIG

**Postlude** "Dialogue for Horns" COUPERIN



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Thank you to David Hapner and Dawn White for leading us in song

Today's liturgy is provided by Roger Gench of The Presbyterian Outlook

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